Dedication

JUDGE GUY BOYINGTON

State Forest

September 29, 1983
2:00 p.m.

Welcome	Jim Brown, Northwest Oregon Area Director
Introductions and Comments	State Forester H. Mike Miller
Judge Boyington and Oregon's State Forests	Dan Thiel, former State Senator
The Counties' Role in State Forests	Roger Berg, Chairman, Clatsop County Commission
Management Plans for the Boyington State Forest	Tim Keith, Astoria District Forester
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Optional Tours of Forest Management on the Boyington State Forest	Tim Keith, Astoria District Forester

JUDGE GUY BOYINGTON

Judge Guy Boyington was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on April 1, 1881. He graduated from high school there.

In 1920, he moved to Astoria where he worked with the Malarkey Insurance Agency and with the Clatsop County assessor's office. In 1928, he was elected Clatsop County judge and held that office continually for the next 36 years before retiring on December 31, 1964.

Judge Boyington led Oregon counties in 1939 and 1941 in proposing state legislation that allowed counties to transfer title of tax-foreclosed timberlands to the Oregon State Board of Forestry for management, in exchange for a percentage of future revenues from the sale of forest products harvested from the lands.

When Judge Boyington died in 1968 at the age of 87, The Daily Astorian published an editorial that said "We in Clatsop County were fortunate indeed to have such a man at the head of county government for so many years. We, our children, and our descendants for many years to come will have some continuing benefit from his work."

JUDGE GUY BOYINGTON STATE FOREST

The Judge Guy Boyington State Forest is located 17 miles southeast of Astoria along state highway 202. This 6200-acre tract of the Clatsop State Forest is in the drainage of the North Fork of the Klaskanine River in Clatsop County.

About half of the Douglas fir and western hemlock forest is 35 to 65 years old. Reproduction and poles cover another 20 percent of the area. Timber over 65 years of age is found on 300 acres. Hardwoods grow on 1200 acres.

Elevation is from 400 feet to 2400 feet above sea level. Productivity of the land ranges from average to high.

HISTORY

The area was logged by railroad in the 1920's and early 1930's by the California Barrel Company. That company made fruit barrels for sailing ships.

In 1934, a state-operated Civilian Conservation Corps camp was located on State Highway 202, just north of the state forest. Named Camp Boyington for the judge, the 300-man camp was work headquarters for crews that worked on road and trail construction, tree planting, and fire suppression.

Following logging, these lands reverted to Clatsop County for non payment of taxes. On June 5, 1943, these lands were transfered from Clatsop County to the Board of Forestry. Signing the deed transfer were Judge Guy Boyington and county court members James Elliott and John Slott.

MANAGEMENT

Under intensive forest management, the past 10 years have seen 443 acres thinned, 228 acres of hardwood clearcut and conifers pre-commercial thinned, and 474 acres of conifers clearcut and reforested. Some 32 miles of roads have been constructed or improved. During the next 10 years, plans call for 400 acres of conifers to be pre-commercial thinned, 200 acres of hardwood to be clearcut and reforested, 450 acres of conifers to be clearcut and reforested, and 14 miles of road to be constructed.

The Guy Boyington State Forest will be managed to produce revenues for school districts and other local taxing districts in Clatsop County and to ensure that all Oregonians will enjoy benefits of these lands in perpetuity.

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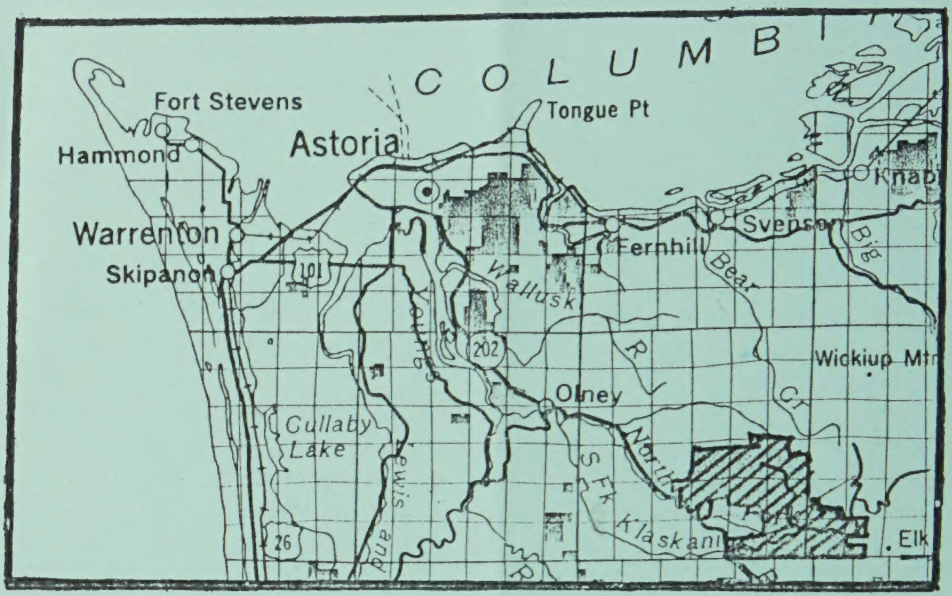

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